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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 14, 2003, for three months months, from August 14, 2003 to November 14, 2003. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$950 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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